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OUTLINE FOR STUDY E-1

"THE FUTURE OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY"

Introduction - Why and how the Study was made.
Our object: to look ahead ten years in the Atlantic Community; to define the issues we will face; to propose goals.

Chapter I - What is the Atlantic Community?

The Community is based on common ideals and historical roots; shared economic, strategic, and political interests. Its present members have the necessary political will and self-discipline to work together. NATO and OECD are at present the institutions of the Atlantic Community. Institutionally and geographically, the Community will undoubtedly develop; a closer community of the whole Free World is ultimately desirable. For the present, the "working" members of the Atlantic Community are the members of OECD.

Chapter II - Post-1945 events leading up to the creation of international institutions and patterns of cooperation within the Atlantic Community.

Chapter III - Important common tasks facing the Atlantic Community countries over the next decade.

1. Preserve our common way of life and shared values through a common defense system and by other means.
2. Coordination of major aspects of economic policies.
3. Burden-sharing.

4. Concentrated and coordinated aid to lesser-developed countries.
5. Closer political cooperation.
6. Social cooperation.
7. Cultural cooperation.
8. Full utilization of existing institutions, development of needed new ones.

Brief discussion of why these aims must be commonly pursued.

Chapter IV - A common Defense

1. NATO is indispensable.
2. NATO's current tasks.
3. The need for NATO reform; definition of the main issues; pose alternatives, with danger and advantages of each.
 - Overhaul strategy
 - Concert foreign policies in all parts of the world
 - Means for making joint decisions on use of atomic arms
 - Increased military integration (logistics, command structure, etc.)
 - Common policy for armaments control and limitation
 - Better burden-sharing
 - Counter East Bloc economic warfare
 - Rapid convertibility from peacetime to wartime economies and vice versa
4. NATO conceived of as a special-purpose arm of the Atlantic Community.

Chapter V - An Atlantic Economic Community

1. Why a more closely-knit economic community is necessary.

2. The advent of the OECD is a step forward; its goals.
3. Coordinated economic, financial and monetary policies.
4. Coordinated aid to emergent countries.
5. Common trade goals.
6. Joint measures to counter chronic unemployment or under-development in the Atlantic Community.

Chapter VI - Political Goals

1. Eventually, a common foreign policy on vital matters. Steps: information, consultation, coordination, harmonization, and finally a common policy.
2. Rationalization of Western organizations.
3. Parliamentary development.
4. An Atlantic court of arbitration for settling disputes.
5. Political institutions (drawing on Birrenbach's page 20).
6. It is to be hoped that the eventual development of the Atlantic Community will tend to strengthen democratic practices within its member nations.

Chapter VII - Social and Cultural Cooperation

1. The "consciousness of community" must become pervasive; this is a responsibility of Atlantic institutions to encourage.
2. Goal: the fullest possible sharing of ideas and ideals for the enrichment of life throughout the Atlantic Community.
3. Goal: young citizens with understanding of and loyalty to an Atlantic Community.

4. Common problem: growth of popular culture endangers basic values.
5. Adults need more "Atlantic" education.
6. Key national civil servants should become better able to discharge international or internationally-related tasks.
7. Much can be learned from Europe's "Six".

Chapter VIII- The Atlantic Community, Other Communities and International Organizations

1. Introduction: regionalism and universalism.
2. European integration and the Atlantic Community.
3. "Family groups" such as OAS, British Commonwealth, and French Community in relation to Atlantic Community.
4. UN and the Atlantic Community.
5. GATT and other international economic organizations.

Chapter IX - Toward a Free World Community

1. The Atlantic Community must remain an open association.
2. Trade ties between North Atlantic and the rest of the free world must be strengthened.
3. Genuine neutrality in non-committed countries must be encouraged.
4. Economic aid, "North" to "South", will be essential for generations to come. Our ultimate purpose must transcend material considerations, however.

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Chapter X - The Measure of the Challenge

Record briefly the obstacles we face. End on an optimistic note.

Annexes:

1. Significant passages from key treaties.
2. List of multinational institutions within the Atlantic Community.
3. Short bibliography.